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Subject:- THE COURSE OF STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH

To Superintendents of Schools, High School principals, and Teachers
of High School English

Ladies and gentlemen:

The new course of study for high school English involves a radical change in texts, which would be decidedly inopportune at this moment. Therefore the introduction of the new course will be postponed until next year.

In the meantime, a transition between the old and new courses will be provided in the following ways:¹

1- certain of the more difficult texts will be eliminated from the first three years. Those retained are the following:

1st year:-

Epic Heroes
Atlantic Reader, Book V
The Master Builders
Any satisfactory language texts available

2nd year:-

The Alhambra
The Ancient Mariner
A Tale of Two Cities
As You Like It
Any satisfactory language texts available

3rd year:-

Sir Roger de Coverly papers
Idylls of the King
Merchant of Venice
The Talisman
Any satisfactory language texts available

2- Easier reading will be furnished thru the room library, for which recommended books will be purchased with the English library fees of students in the first three years.² The supplementary reading texts³ for the room libraries are the following:

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1st year:-

Elson Junior Literature, Book I⁴
Dr. West's Supplementary Readers:⁵
1. The Count of Montecristo
2. The Ghost Train
3. The Cloister and the Hearth

2nd year:-

Elson Junior Literature, Book II⁴
Dr. West's Supplementary Readers:⁵
1. Quentin Durward
2. King Solomon's Mines
3. Allan Quartermain

3rd year:-

Dr. West's Supplementary Readers:⁵
1. Ivanhoe
2. The Mill on the Floss
3. The Vicar of Wakefield

3- The introduction to the new course and suggestions for this year will be sent to the teachers in order that they may become acquainted with the spirit of the changes contemplated and modify their procedure accordingly.

4- Teachers will announce to the pupils a probable change in texts, and the establishment of a new English v for next year.

very cordially yours,

(Signed) José Padín
Commissioner of Education

¹In respect to the first three years only. No changes are proposed for English IV this year.

²Orders should be sent as soon as possible.

³pupils will be required to subscribe to magazines as in previous years.

⁴price \$.96 exclusive of educational discount and postage; Scott, Foresman & Co., 114 East 23rd St., New York City.

⁵price one shilling (about \$.25) apiece, except The Ghost Train, which costs one shilling, sixpence (about \$.38), exclusive of educational discount and postage; Longmans Green & Co., Ltd., 39 Paternoster Row, London, E. C. 4. International money orders or foreign drafts may be used.